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SUCCESSFUL YEAR EXPERIENCED BY G. W. N. C. ASSOCIATION

MEMBERS GREATLY PLEASED WITH THE REPORTS GIVEN MONDAY IN ASHEVILLE.

MUCH WORK AHEAD

Suggests That Increased Assessments be Levied for the Support of the Organization.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Greater Western North Carolina association was held at the room of the organization Monday afternoon in Asheville at 12:30 o'clock says the Asheville Citizen. There were present from Buncombe county, T. W. Raoul, F. L. Seely, George S. Powell and P. H. Branch, while a letter was read from H. W. Plummer expressing his regret at being unable to attend. Haywood county was represented by F. W. Miller, H. J. Sloane, H. N. Sentelle, J. F. Bass, J. M. Mook, H. J. Satterthwaite. Those present from Transylvania were W. E. Breese, Jr., president of the association, and R. L. Gash, H. C. Meyer, A. Cannon and M. L. Shipman, represented Henderson county. W. J. Lindsey and W. H. Stern were from Polk county, S. H. Hardwick, M. V. Richards and James H. Wood appeared as the representatives of the Southern railway. The reports of the various officers were very encouraging and the members of the organization expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with the year's work.

In submitting his report, President Breese referred to the fact that before the organization of the association, the various counties of this section of the state were fighting each other and petty jealousies existed among the resort cities and towns. This spirit has been eliminated, it was stated, and all of the western counties are working in hearty co-operation. President Breese considers that the work of the organization has been a great one and he predicted a glorious future. His report was very interesting and was received with applause.

Kept in Bounds.

The report of Treasurer Powell showed that the association has kept within its bounds and a small balance exists at the end of the fiscal year. Manager Sandford H. Cohen read a highly interesting report, dealing extensively with the work of the association since it was started. He went into detail as to the advertising, the manner in which it has been carried on and the localities at which it has been done, calling attention to the reports which have been gotten out by the association, dealing with forestry and water power, horticulture and livestock, community interests, etc. Attention was called to the summer booklet of sixty-eight pages which has been published and the winter booklets of eighty-five pages which have just been distributed. Col. Cohen read a list of places at which newspaper advertising, posters and other forms of boosting has been done. The manager called attention to the fact that the eyes of the entire country are on the undeveloped resources of western North Carolina and stated that the large area of unoccupied land soon will be a thing of the past; that lists of farm lands have been made so that at an early date, it will be possible to secure colonists excursions through the railroads. The work of the corn clubs and the action of the manager in taking boys to the Columbia show were reported.

Advertising.
In his report, Manager Cohen called attention to the winter advertising that is being done and which will be pushed for spring and late winter business. He also gave an account of the extensive eastern trip which he recently took and a list was submitted giving the names of more than 100 places at which western North Carolina is being advertised.

Manager Cohen called attention to the fact that he has called on several large industries and read a letter from one concern in West Virginia, with which arrangements have been made for an early visit to this section by a representative of the firm, relative to investigating the opportunities offered here. The concern employs 250 men and has a capital of \$250,000. The manager also visited Bethlehem, Pa., and there is a likelihood that the Bernsten Steel Wheel company will erect one of its assembling factories in this territory. Visits have also been paid to Philadelphia textile manufacturers, several of which will send representatives here at an early date. The names were submitted to the members of the association. Colonel Cohen stated that during the first year many handicaps have been experienced, but he feels that the coming year's work will be great.

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UNSURPASSED HIGHWAY INTO ROUGHEST SECTION

Road Bed of Saluda Grade of Southern R. R. Proposed Highway Provided the track is Abandoned for Better Grade.

When the Southern Railway company discards the old Saluda grade between Tryon and Saluda for a more uniform graded route up the valley of the Green River the people of Saluda township and other township along the route will probably join in to make the old road bed one of the finest automobile highways leading into the mountain fairs of Western North Carolina. The road will be practically graded, only widening it in places, through one of the most beautiful sections of the United States. Auto tourists from all over the world will travel this proposed route and the fame of its being an automobile highway will reach a great deal farther than even the railway company has carried it for its scenic beauty.

Of course this highway proposition is based entirely upon when the Southern Railway will change the road bed from where it is now located. In a story of last weeks issue it was stated that work would soon begin on the improvements costing in the neighborhood of a million dollars. The route proposed will necessitate the railway company abandoning about three or four miles of road bed through the most inaccessible mountain country. It has been through this very section that the route from Hendersonville to Spartanburg and other southern cities has been so disagreeable to the traveling public. If the railroad here will be abandoned the bed can be used it is said, with out very little improvements necessary. With years of attention this road has been thoroughly bedded with granite rock and with the proper shaping and rolling the highway would be a macadamized one at a very low cost.

In the city of Tryon a bill is being prepared for the present state legislature to allow the county of Polk to issue bonds for the Tryon-Spartanburg highway and the additional miles of abandoned railroad bed, if such should be, would make a great attraction for automobilists coming to this section.

Mr. Paul Eves and Billy Bourne spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

HENRY W. ALLEN APPOINTED AUDITOR

New Office Created By Legislature to Become Effective April 1st—Two Year Term.

The following bill, introduced by Senator T. B. Allen last week passed the Senate unanimously and has doubtless become a law by this time: A Bill to be Entitled, "An Act to Create the Office of County Auditor for Henderson County, to Fix the Salary of Same and Prescribe his Duties." The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section 1. That the office of Auditor for Henderson county is hereby instituted and created; and the Auditor of said county shall receive a salary of \$1,200.00 per annum, payable in monthly installments of \$100.00 each in the manner provided for the payment of salaries of other county officers, and shall furnish bond in some bonding company in the sum of \$5,000.00, payable to the county of Henderson, conditioned that he shall diligently, truly and faithfully perform all the duties of his office, and shall faithfully account for all penalties or any monies or other things of value which may come into his hands by virtue of his office, and shall be liable for any negligence, default, malfeasance or misconduct in office, premiums of said bond to be paid by said county.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the auditor of Henderson county to make out one copy of the tax list of each township as a permanent copy, and to deliver the original copy to the tax collector of said county, and to supervise and direct the performance of all duties now required by law, of the register of deeds relative to the tax list and taxes; to make out and prepare for publication all annual statements required by law; to investigate and inquire for all delinquent tax payers, and to require all delinquent property, including polls, to be placed on tax list; to keep a record of all real estate transfers, with prices paid for same; to instruct, direct and supervise tax assessors and assessors, and also direct and supervise the listing and assessment of all property liable to taxation in said county; to act as accountant for the county, settling with the county officers; to supervise, scrutinize, and examine at

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JACKSON COUNTY'S CITIZENS BUSY LOBBYING IN RALEIGH

The Death of R. S. Osteen.

R. S. Osteen of Piedmont, S. C., died at 2 o'clock Tuesday, January 14. The cause of his death was pneumonia consequent upon injuries received the preceding week while in Greenville, S. C. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, January 15, at Piedmont by the Grove Masonic Lodge of that city.

On January 6 while in Greenville, Mr. Osteen was crossing Augusta street near the station of the Columbia and Greenville railway, when he was run down by a negro boy driving a buggy. The blow crushed Mr. Osteen's hip, and later pneumonia set in. The negro boy was arrested and taken before Recorder Watson on a charge of reckless driving. The case was dismissed and the boy released as he was only eight years old. The buggy is said to have belonged to the S. C. Oil Co., and was in charge of one of the employees of that company. The negro boy had never previously been entrusted alone with the buggy.

Mr. Osteen was at one time a resident of Henderson county and had a large circle of friends here. About thirty years ago he moved to Piedmont, S. C., and started his boys in the cotton mill business. He and his family met with much success in their new home.

Mr. Osteen was an honored Confederate veteran. He was in his 75th year at the time of his death. Surviving are his wife, four sons, three daughters, one brother, one sister, and three half-sisters. His sons are Frank M. Osteen, superintendent of the F. W. Foe Mfg. Co., Greenville, S. C.; J. C. Osteen, Piedmont Mfg. Co.; J. Champ, the well known baseball player; T. A. of the Mills Mill, Greenville, S. C. His daughters are Mrs. R. A. Fowler of Piedmont, S. C.; Mrs. W. W. Smith of Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. W. T. Thacker of Greer, S. C. His brother, S. D. Osteen, (formerly of Crab Creek township in this county, but now of Route 1 Arden), was at his bedside when the end came.

Mr. Osteen was a good citizen and a loving and affectionate husband and father; and the news of his death will be received with wide-spread regret.

HOT FIGHT UP OVER RENEWED PROPOSITION TO MOVE COUNTY SEAT FROM WEBSTER TO SYLVA.

Many 10th District Bills Are Favorably Reported

Big Batch of Bills of Interest to Mountain People Will be Enacted Into Law Within Next Week—Tenth District Legislation.

(By Noah M. Hollowell.)

Raleigh, N. C.—He is sawing the very elements. Now he suddenly mounts the verbal trapeze in the dizzy heights and performs some of the most thrilling oratorical stunts. He waxes eloquent, so to speak. By reason of his wild gymnastics, he deems it necessary to leave his seat and take a more spacious stand in the wide hall. His voice is pitched on an extremely high note. There goes an industrious page scurrying to some out of the way place in search of a broom to sweep from the rich red carpet a seeming salivary surplusage that accidentally issued from the "music maker" of the speaker in his extreme excitement to "save the country." There's another page running for his life for a glass of water to soothe a parching throat that has assumed the musical qualities of andurchin's sourwood fute in early spring.

Leaning far over the railing almost ready to topple over on the heads of the Senators is a young Miss up in the gallery rejoicing over the fact that her father, brother or some other person dear to her heart is making himself famous (?) by "saving the country" after having "fought, bled and died" in the sticks during the campaign. Over there sits a senator scanning the morning paper in order to ascertain what the journal had to say about his "saving the country" on the preceding day. On the other side of the Senate Chamber is another lawmaker reading a letter from one of his ward-healing constituents about the dumping of sawdust in Goose Creek, while sitting beside him is another "country saver" diligently searching through voluminous pages of legal lore. Near him is a bald-headed bacheor (there are about a dozen in the Senate) penning a few lines to his dear ones at home. There is seen a cigarette fiend stealing from the Chamber into the lobbies to take a few whiffs from his "coffin

With all the dignity becoming his office, Lieutenant Governor Davidson keeps an eye on what is going on, now and then recognizing Senator So and So from So and So, who is wanting the privileges of the floor to interrupt the time-worn speaker with a few trifling questions. The farmer lieutenant governor, is mapping out a year's work on his rich Nash county farms, where he says he "makes his living." Reading Clerk "Bob" Phillips has nothing to do and is looking wise and composing spicy paragraphs for the Greensboro News, of which he is associate editor. Principal Clerk Otis Self, of Webster, Jackson county and Journal Clerk Noah Hollowell, of Hendersonville, having made all references and notations on the volume of bills in their hands during the endless run of oratory, begin fussing over the ladies in the gallery upon whom they have been vainly lavishing their unrestrained smiles, at the same time thinking of the resort girl they will choose upon returning to the mountains next summer. Fronting them is Senator Lovingsood, of Cherokee, openly violating the rules of the Senate by slowly puffing away on a 10 center while his feet are cocked up higher than his head on the desk, his mind being far away across the hill on some saw-mill or other enterprise. On his right sits Senator Allen. Yes, "Tom" Allen. He is from Mills River, Henderson county. Now the "Tom" part of his name is alright but it seems a pity that he was ever named Allen because that big "A" in his name is calculated to put him in an embarrassing position some time. It is like this: Senator Allen's name is the very first on the roll call and this fact necessitates his paying strict attention to the most uninteresting proceedings in order that he may not be embarrassed when it comes to voting, for this is an important part of a senator's service to the State.

To uninteresting arguments on absorbing questions like the difference between the "tarceny of a horse and the theft of a mule," the discouragement of young industries by legislation in vivid terms like the "stiffing of an infant babe with safety pins," the effectiveness and advisability of "striking

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SERIES OF WRECKS.

Three Wrecks Took Place Near Here Within Three Days.

A series of wrecks have taken place near Hendersonville this week. Sunday morning while going to aid a freight wreck near Tryon the wrecking train jumped the track near the Mud Creek bridge below the depot. The fireman, whose name could not be ascertained is said to have sustained injuries from jumping from the engine. Tuesday morning on the Toxaway division of the Southern railway a freight train was wrecked near the Crab Creek crossing. One of the trucks of a box car jumped the track and was dragged for a considerable distance. The car finally fell over and was a complete wreck.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

A Missionary conference was held Sunday at the Methodist Church. A large crowd enjoyed the sermon Sunday morning on foreign missions by Rev. Rollins of Nashville, Tenn. A Mass meeting was held Sunday at three o'clock and Rev. Rollins spoke again. A large crowd thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated his impressive sermon. Rev. Rollins and Rev. Boyer are lecturing through the South in the interest of Foreign Missions.

Lecture At First Baptist Church.

A large crowd thoroughly enjoyed a most interesting lecture at the First Baptist Church, Wednesday night by Rev. and Mrs. Lake, Missionaries from China. They will return to their work in May after a vacation of one year.

A. F. P. King spent Sunday with his son Fulton in the Merrifield hospital, Asheville, where the latter was carried last week to receive treatment for an attack of acute appendicitis. The young man passed through the painful operation all right and is getting along nicely.

ASA CANDLER TO BUILD K. & G. ROAD

While various railroad projects have entertained the minds of Henderson county people in the last few years, very little has been said about the Greenville & Knoxville railroad extension.

This road if built will mean a tremendous revenue to this county and from indications it now looks to be a certainty. Mr. Asa G. Candler of Co-Cola fame is behind the proposition and it is said that he will spend about \$20,000,000 in completing the road through Western North Carolina an da branch line through Henderson county to Asheville. This road has been surveyed sometime and the route calls for several tunnels, making the cost of construction very expensive.

The Greenville-Knoxville railroad is now being operated from Greenville to a point in North Carolina near Brevard. Regular schedules have been in operation several years. "The Greenville & Knoxville railroad is being to be built. This is the line from Greenville, S. C., to Knoxville, Tenn., projected through the mountains of Western North Carolina and East Tennessee," says the Spartanburg Herald. "It construction will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000, but it is stated, upon good authority, that plans for the work are rapidly maturing, and that this long projected road is about to become a reality."

Candler's Project.
Mr. Asa G. Candler, the Atlanta multi-millionaire, has become interested in this project and has just recently been over the entire line. Mr. Candler thinks the project a good one and will lend it his active support.

The plans contemplate the building of a main line from Greenville, S. C., to Knoxville, Tenn., and it is probable that a branch line will tap the Asheville branch of the Southern railway. The present line of the Greenville & Knoxville railroad extends from Greenville to Riverview. Riverview is at the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains and about 30 miles northwest of Greenville. The extension of this line across the mountains will open up a vast area of mountain country that is rich in natural resources.

One who speaks with a knowledge of the situation says: "Mr. Candler has the money, the brain and the energy to put this project through. This line will be a tremendous factor in the development of the southeast and a everlasting monument to the builders."

Again, subscribers to this paper are reminded that the subscription price is one dollar if paid in advance.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS RELATING TO WESTERN CAROLINA

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Representative Noland of Haywood, offered out of order yesterday a joint resolution providing for the immediate investigation of the South Atlantic and Western Railroad company, formerly known as the Transcontinental Railroad company, by a special legislative committee of three representatives and two senators and report back to the legislature by February 25, it being intimated that the railroad company, which is using state convicts for which the state is receiving stock in the road, is not working in good faith, but is really blocking an important mountain pass through which some other railroad company would gladly build a road speedily to serve the territory involved. A motion by Mr. Noland that the bill be put on immediate passage was adopted and the resolution passed and sent to the senate for concurrence.

The bill providing an auditor for Henderson county has run the gauntlet of both houses and is now the law. Representative Patton of that county, put it through the House yesterday. The bills amending the game and dog-tax laws for Henderson county have not yet emerged from the legislative hopper but are "happy on the way," with the search and seizure bill introduced by Representative Patton.

At the Methodist Church.
Rev. Z. Henohara a Japanese Methodist Preacher will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday. He is a highly educated man and a fluent speaker. This will be his last Sunday in America as he leaves next week to attend the annual conference in Japan and receive an appointment.

The whole community should avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing this consecrated young minister. Sunday School 9.45 a. m. A cordial invitation to all.

Important Meeting.
There will be a meeting of the Greater Hendersonville Club at the Court House Thursday night.

J. V. Helsel is comfortably located in his new quarters on Main street in the old Few Bros stand next door to Slayden Fakes company. Mr. Helsel is conducting a growing metal and sheet work business.

Mrs. J. C. Sales was here from Fletcher shopping on Monday.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS.

S. H. Johnson has opened up a plumbing establishment under S. Maxwell & Company store and will conduct a general contracting business. Mr. Johnson is a local man and has a large number of friends who will wish him well in his new undertaking.

D. Guy E. Dixon left Tuesday for New York where he will take a post graduate course in medicine for special work. Dr. Dixon will enter the New York post graduate and Hospital College. He will return some time in March.

A farm of about 125 acres belonging to Mrs. Francis Cunt was sold several days ago to Mrs. L. B. Whistler. The deal was handled through the well known firm of Ewbank, Ewbank and Company, real estate dealers. The consideration was not given but it is said to be a considerable amount.

His numerous friends will regret to hear that Dr. J. F. Brooks became suddenly ill one day last week, while at work in the new drug store he expected to open soon, and is now in an Asheville hospital. Dr. Brooks was overcome by something like nervous prostration and his condition caused serious concern. Reports from his bedside were encouraging at this writing.

Those who fail to receive this paper next week have only themselves to censure for failing to settle their subscription. Remember, the terms this year are one dollar in advance and \$1.50 on time basis. Reports of the legislative proceedings at Raleigh during the next four weeks will be worth more than the subscription price of the paper. Better send in your renewal by the first mail if you do not want to miss an issue.

H. G. Browning who is doing some special advertising work for the Greater Hendersonville Club and a number of the leading business houses of this city was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Browning has just completed a wonderful piece of printing for the city, which includes a birds eye drawing of the city and a number of half tone cuts of principal points of interests near here. They are prepared on a large folder, making a handsome mailing folder to advertise the city.

If you want this paper next week pay your subscription.

GOOD ROADS KEYNOTE SAYS SECRETARY

Sounding what Secretary H. C. Meyer terms the keynote of the meeting of the directors of the Greater Western North Carolina Association the subject of Good Roads was discussed extensively and a resolution was passed which will result in much benefit to this county. Mr. Meyer stated as soon as Henderson county's assessments were paid her share of the \$1,000 would be received in promoting good roads in this section. Several main highways have been designated and the following from Tuesday's Asheville Citizens will explain:

"At the meeting of the Greater Western North Carolina Association yesterday, good roads was one of the chief topics of discussion and upon motion of F. F. L. Seely, a liberal contribution was made to good roads work, which will be spent as soon as all of the dues are paid. A resolution was adopted requesting President W. E. Breese, Jr., to appoint a committee of citizens from the counties of Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Madison, Transylvania, Polk and Henderson, to ask the legislature to pass a bill providing for state aid in building a trunk line highway connecting with the Atlanta-New York road at the South Carolina line, going through the counties mentioned and connected with the Tennessee line and the Washington-San Francisco-Transcontinental highway."

Quits "Society" For Stage.
Asheville, June 30.—Miss Ida Hamilton, for the past five years society editor of The Asheville Citizen, has resigned that position, effective Saturday and leaves this city Sunday for New York City, where she will spend three weeks rehearsing with Miss Margaret Anglin's company, "Green Stockings," preparatory to making a tour of Canada and the Pacific Coast.

Miss Hamilton, for a number of years, played with Mrs. Fiske and other stars, and is a talented actress. She came to this city about seven years ago, in search of health and during the time that she has been here she has completely recovered.

It is too bad that the ground hog saw his shadow on Sunday.